

Mont. : 17-41-32

Sugarland Store (site)  
Poolesville Vicinity  
Private

c. 1880's

A small store, attached to a larger two story frame house, once stood on this site. It served as a community grocery store and a gathering place for members of the Black community at Sugarland. One of its storekeepers was Isaac Bell, whose descendants continue to live in the area.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Sugarland Store (Site)

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

South Side of Sugarland Road

CITY, TOWN

Poolesville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☒ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES, RESTRICTED☐ YES, UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Arron and Terrie Bixler

Telephone #: 972-0947

STREET &amp; NUMBER

12608 W. Old Baltimore Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Boysds

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 4998

Folio #: 172

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Tilghman Lee recalls that this structure consisted of two sections: one was a two story, frame house with two rooms down and two up; attached to its eastern gable end was a one story block with a shed roof. Based upon appearance, it seemed that the house was built first and the one room store added later. According to Lee, the store was not a full-scale general store, but was more specialized as a community grocery store, selling such items as canned goods, cold cuts, cheese, beef, pork, bakery products, and other foodstuffs. It sold small household items like brooms, but did not sell farm supplies. For those things, the people went to Poolesville. Lee recalls that beef wagons travelled the countryside, and sold cuts of beef to the store. According to Lee, "Kolhoss" owned and operated the store during his youth in the 1890's and early 1900's.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

Black History

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1840-1890

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house and the store which stood on this site were probably built by Benjamin Sparrough. Tilghman Lee recalls that he was the first storekeeper, and this is confirmed by the deeds. Deed EBP 35/101, dated 1884, shows that he purchased two acres from A. Pleasants Webb and Annie Webb, (this is for parcel CS 51-P. 942 on the real estate atlas). Deed EBP 35/98, dated 1884, shows that he purchased the tract adjoining it to the west also. This tract had first been purchased by Richard Bruce from the Webb family in 1880 (EBP 27/101). It is listed on the real estate atlas as CS 51-P. 973.

Like most of the houses and other buildings in Sugarland, this store has been torn down, and nothing remains except the memory of it. During the days of its operation, it was at the heart of the Sugarland community and was one of the meeting places where neighbors gathered to swap news, as well as purchase goods for everyday family life.

One of the storekeepers in the 20th century was Isaac Bell, one of the Black landowners in Sugarland. He did not own this store but did operate it and was one of the community leaders. His son is still living, and an interview with him is planned in conjunction with his granddaughter, Cora Campbell, who lives in Big Woods. The results of that interview will be added to this survey.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land Records, Montgomery County Courthouse  
 Oral Interviews: Tilghman Lee, June-July 1978, Sugarland community

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

July 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

SITE: P. 942 And P. 973

Webb

M: 17-41-32

LOCATION:

OWNER'S NAME: John F. Wolfrey

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

PROPERTY MAP: CSS1 p. 942

ACREAGE: 7.52 - 7.50

L/F: 3485/8

HISTORY:

1) GRANTOR: Bert Wolfrey and wife Leona

GRANTEE: John F. Wolfrey

DATE: Jan. 24, 1966 ACREAGE: 7.50

recorded: March 30, 1966

MISC.: Beginning of a conveyance from Richard T. Bruce to Benjamin F. Sparrough ~~for~~  
recorded EBP 35/98

2 acres conveyed to Sparrough recorded EBP 35/101

2) GRANTOR: Rich and T. Bruce and Emma Bruce

GRANTEE: Benjamin F. Sparrough

DATE: July 8, 1884 ACREAGE: 12 3/4 acres

recorded May 12, 1885

MISC.:

"Tyler's Chance" having been conveyed to me by A. Pleasants Webb and Anna A. Webb and W<sup>m</sup> R. Sitler and Cornelia P. Sitler by a deed dated Nov.

EBP 35/101 30, 1880 L/F EBP 27/101 - no being clause

3) GRANTOR: A. Pleasants Webb + Annie A. Webb, W<sup>m</sup> R. Sitler and Cornelia P. Sitler

GRANTEE: Benjamin F. Sparrough

DATE: Nov. 1, 1884 ACREAGE: 2 ac.

recorded May 12, 1885

MISC.:

SITE: p. 942

LOCATION:

OWNER'S NAME: John F. Wolfrey

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

PROPERTY MAP: C 551

ACREAGE: 7.52, 7.50

L/F: 3485/8

## HISTORY:

1) GRANTOR: Bert Wolfrey and wife Leona

GRANTEE: John F. Wolfrey

DATE: Jan. 24, 1966 ACREAGE: 7.50

recorded March 30, 1966

MISC.:

2) GRANTOR: Harry Kahlhoss

GRANTEE: Bert Wolfrey

DATE:

ACREAGE:

MISC.:

Being also the same land described in  
2 deeds 1 from Richard T. Bruce, et ux to  
Benjamin F. Sparrough in L/F EBD 35/92  
and from Augustus P. Webb to Benjamin F.

3) GRANTOR:

GRANTEE:

DATE:

ACREAGE:

MISC.:

M:17-41-32 Webb, Richard T.  
Bunch

SITE: p. 973 And 942 = together compose  
LOCATION: the property sold by the Webbs; i.e. 2 tracts  
OWNER'S NAME: Arron and Terrie Bixler ~~and lot~~  
ADDRESS:  
TELEPHONE NUMBER:  
PROPERTY MAP: C551  
ACREAGE: 7.21  
L/F: 4998 / 172

HISTORY:

1) GRANTOR: Stanley O. and Dorothy Ann Solesbee  
GRANTEE: Aaron B. and Terrie A. Bixler

DATE: July 20, 1977 ACREAGE: 7.211

MISC.: From Bert Wolfrey, et ux to John F. Wolfrey  
for 7.50 acres of land recorded in  
L/F 3485/8

2) GRANTOR: Bert Wolfrey  
GRANTEE: John F. Wolfrey

DATE: Jan. 1966 ACREAGE:

MISC.: 3485

3) GRANTOR: Richard T. Bruce  
GRANTEE: Benjamin F. Spiraough

DATE: ACREAGE:

MISC.: EBP 35/98



HISTORY CONTINUED

SITE: p. 973

Webb  
M.17-41-32

GRANTOR: Webbs, Sitlers

GRANTEE: Richard T. Bruce

DATE: Nov. 30, 1880

ACREAGE: 12 3/4

MISC.:

EBP 27/101

GRANTOR: Webbs, Sitlers

GRANTEE: Benjamin Sparrough

DATE: Nov. 1, 1884

ACREAGE: 2ac.

MISC.:

EBP 35/101

Note:

GRANTOR:

GRANTEE:

DATE:

ACREAGE:

MISC.:

GRANTOR:

GRANTEE:

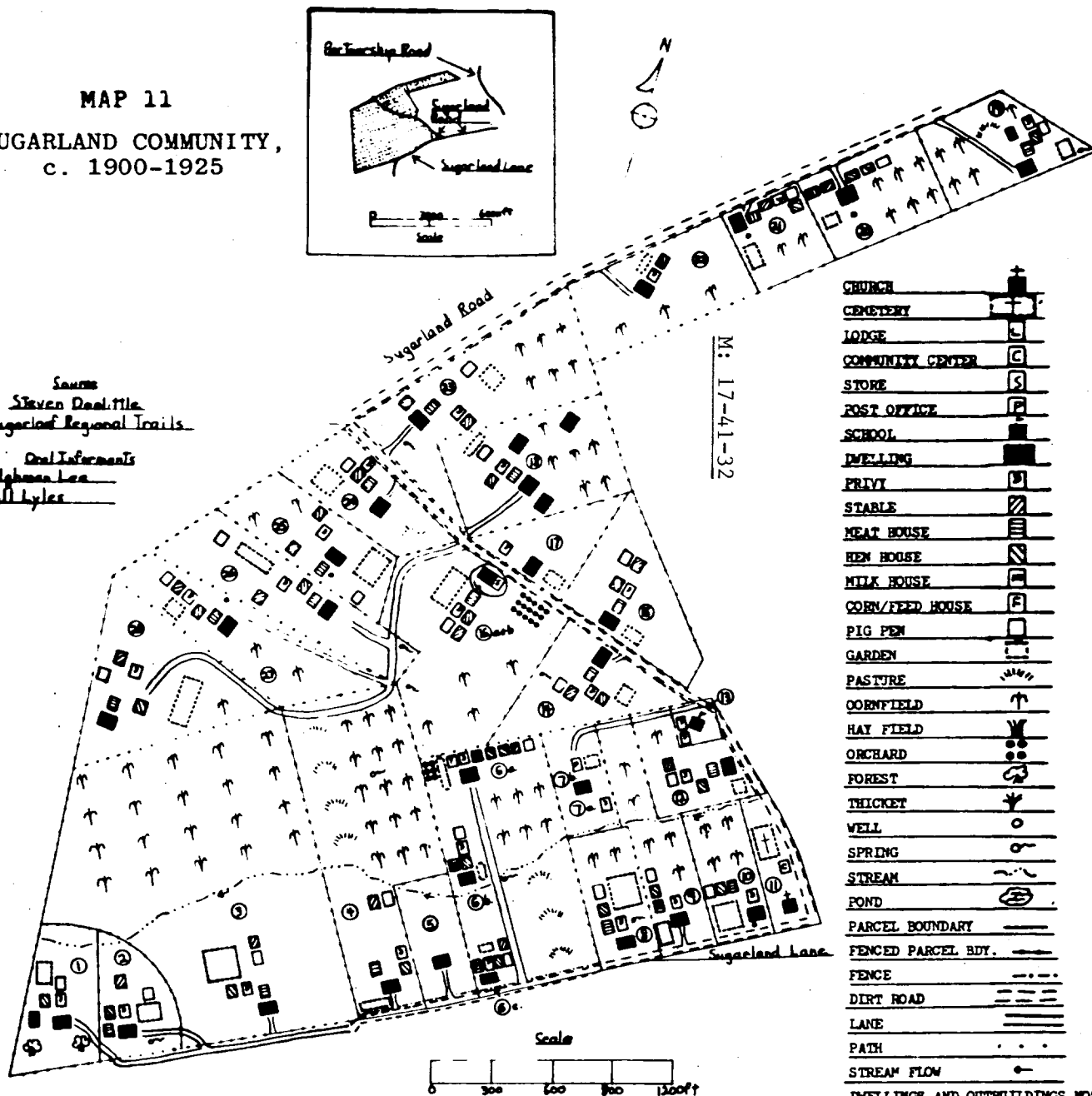
DATE:

ACREAGE:

MISC.:

MAP 11  
SUGARLAND COMMUNITY,  
c. 1900-1925

Source  
Steven Deal, M.E.  
Sugarland Regional Trails  
Oral Informants  
Tilghman Lee  
Bill Lyles



Key

CHURCH	[Symbol]
CEMETERY	[Symbol]
LODGE	[Symbol]
COMMUNITY CENTER	[Symbol]
STORE	[Symbol]
POST OFFICE	[Symbol]
SCHOOL	[Symbol]
DWELLING	[Symbol]
PRIVY	[Symbol]
STABLE	[Symbol]
MEAT HOUSE	[Symbol]
HEN HOUSE	[Symbol]
MILK HOUSE	[Symbol]
CORN/FEED HOUSE	[Symbol]
PIG PEN	[Symbol]
GARDEN	[Symbol]
PASTURE	[Symbol]
CORNFIELD	[Symbol]
HAY FIELD	[Symbol]
ORCHARD	[Symbol]
FOREST	[Symbol]
THICKET	[Symbol]
WELL	[Symbol]
SPRING	[Symbol]
STREAM	[Symbol]
POND	[Symbol]
PARCEL BOUNDARY	[Symbol]
FENCED PARCEL BDT.	[Symbol]
FENCE	[Symbol]
DIRT ROAD	[Symbol]
LANE	[Symbol]
PATH	[Symbol]
STREAM FLOW	[Symbol]

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|-------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. JAMES BECKWITH HSTD.       | 3.00 AC.  |
| 2. TILGHMAN BECKWITH HSTD.    | 4.00 AC.  |
| 3. JOHN ADAMS HSTD.           | 12.00 AC. |
| 4. LEWIS GARRETT HSTD.        | 14.00 AC. |
| 5. PETER JACKSON HSTD.        | 3.00 AC.  |
| 6a. PATRICK HERRON HSTD.      | 17.00 AC. |
| b. LUKE HERRON HSTD.          |           |
| c. ROBERT HERRON HSTD.        |           |
| 7a. NATHAN JOHNSON HSTD.      | 3.00 AC.  |
| b. POST OFFICE                |           |
| 8. JOHN HIGGINS HSTD.         | 4.00 AC.  |
| 9. JOE CURTIS HSTD.           | 6.00 AC.  |
| 10. BASIL DORSEY HSTD.        | 4.00 AC.  |
| 11. ST. PAUL'S M.E. CHURCH    | 1.00 AC.  |
| 12. HORACE JACKSON HSTD.      | 2.00 AC.  |
| 13. SUGARLAND SCHOOL          | 1.00 AC.  |
| 14. SAM BEANDER HSTD.         | 6.00 AC.  |
| 15. THOMAS NICHOLS HSTD.      | 10.00 AC. |
| 16a. BENJAMIN SPARROUGH HSTD. | 14.75 AC. |
| b. SUGARLAND STORE            |           |
| 17. CHARLES JACKSON HSTD.     | 4.50 AC.  |
| 18. LUKE LYNCH & FAMILY HSTD. | 10.00 AC. |
| 19. WILLIAM TAYLOR HSTD.      | 3.00 AC.  |
| 20. LLOYD COATES HSTD.        | 4.00 AC.  |
| 21. SAMUEL JOHNSON HSTD.      | 4.00 AC.  |
| 22. JOHN DIGGS HSTD.          | 4.00 AC.  |
| 23. JOHN BRANISON HSTD.       | 11.00 AC. |
| 24. RAF BRANISON HSTD.        | 6.00 AC.  |
| 25. PHILLIP JOHNSON HSTD.     | 6.00 AC.  |
| 26. ISAAC BELL HSTD.          | 10.00 AC. |
| 27. SAMUEL LEE HSTD.          | 6.00 AC.  |
| 28. LEVI HALL HSTD.           | 10.00 AC. |

DWELLINGS AND OUTBUILDINGS NOT DRAWN TO SCALE  
HSTD. = HOMESTEAD PROP. = PROPERTY



M: 1741-32

Sugarland Store, site

Seneca 15' Quad, 1908, Reprinted 1925

STERLING QUADRANGLE  
VIRGINIA-MARYLAND  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
SW/4 SENECA 15' QUADRANGLE

M: 17-41-32  
5562 III NE  
(GERMANTOWN)

291 25' 2 310 000 FEET (VA.) 292

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POOLESVILLE 3 MI 77°22'30"  
39°07'30"

DAWSONVILLE 1.5 MI  
WASHINGTON, DC 25 MI  
530 000 FEET  
(VA.)

